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### IOWA PUBLIC INFORMATION BOARD MEETING SEPTEMBER 2016

**Meeting.** The Iowa Public Information Board (IPIB) met on September 15, 2016, in Des Moines. The Board took the following action:

**Accepted Cases:** The Board accepted three complaints for further review. These cases include allegations of public record violations against the University of Iowa and the Page County Sheriff's Office. The Board also accepted two complaints of an open meetings violation allegation claimed against the Regional Environmental Improvement Commission (REIC). These cases will be investigated and reported on at the October 2016 meeting.

The Board also approved three proposed advisory opinions by the Board's Director, Charlie Smithson, regarding various topics, including the process of a local government body hiring a private attorney.

Additionally, the Board also tabled a request for a declaratory order regarding the Iowa Department of Public Health's (IDPH) administrative rules on copying and examining vital statistics records. The Board directed the IPIB staff to meet with the Department regarding these rules.

**Dismissed Cases:** The Board dismissed nine complaint allegations, including one probable cause report. The Board found that these cases were either legally insufficient or did not fall under the Board's authority pursuant to Iowa Code chapters [21](#) (Open Meetings) and [22](#) (Open Records).

**Pending Cases:** Three action items were voted by the Board to be tabled and discussed at the October 2016 meeting. Two of these items reference contested cases involving an alleged public records violation regarding body camera video obtained in a January 2015 shooting of an unarmed woman by a police officer in Burlington, IA. The Board sent both contested cases to the Administrative Hearings Division of the Department of Inspections and Appeals (DIA) in May 2016. In September 2016, the cases were dismissed on grounds of a procedural error. At its September 2016 meeting, the Board voted to reopen these cases and discuss them at the October 2016 meeting.

**Informal Resolution:** The Board unanimously voted to adopt three informal resolutions. Upon the completion of the terms of these resolutions by both involved parties, the associated alleged complaint will be dismissed.

**New Board Members:** Two new Board members, appointed by Governor Branstad, were introduced at the September 2016 meeting. Renee Twedt of Story City, IA, will serve as a government representative to the Board until her term ends in 2020. Mary Unga-Sogaard of Dyersville, IA, will serve as a media representative to the IPIB until her term ends in 2020.

**Next Meeting.** The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for October 20, 2016, in Des Moines.

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